

Remarks

The restriction/election of species requirement has been carefully reviewed. Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 29-66 and new claims 67 and 68) in reply to the restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect hydrogen as the product in reply to the election of species requirement. It is submitted that all of the apparatus claims 29-68 are generic with respect to the elected species since the apparatus claims do not contain any limitation regarding the specific type of product. The restriction requirement also is traversed for the reasons set forth below.

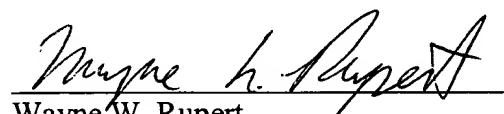
The examiner asserts that "the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus, such as one which does not include a stator having a plurality of first function compartments each opening into the first rotary valve surface in an angular section thereof, and a plurality of second function compartments each opening into the second rotary valve surface in an angular section thereof." Independent apparatus claims 29 and 38 have now been amended so that the apparatus as recited in these claims no longer requires the function compartments. Accordingly, the restriction requirement must be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should there be any questions regarding this application, examiner Langel is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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